

1           A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in loving memory and honor of Lawrence  
2 E. "Larry" Forgy, Jr.

3           WHEREAS, Lawrence E. "Larry" Forgy Jr. was a native son of the Commonwealth  
4 of Kentucky. He was born on August 4, 1939, in Lewisburg to Lawrence E. Forgy Sr. and  
5 Mary Greene Forgy; and

6           WHEREAS, Larry Forgy grew up in Morgantown and Lewisburg, Kentucky. He,  
7 along with his siblings, learned from their parents the value of hard work and dedication.  
8 Larry excelled in academics and sports within the school systems of Morgantown and  
9 Lewisburg; and

10          WHEREAS, Larry Forgy received a scholarship to play basketball at the University  
11 of Tennessee at Martin. After two years, he transferred to the University of Kentucky.  
12 However, Larry Forgy was drawn to a larger city and completed his undergraduate studies  
13 at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Larry Forgy obtained his law  
14 degree in 1964 from the George Washington University Law School; and

15          WHEREAS, Larry Forgy belonged to a family with a long history of political  
16 activism and involvement, but it was in Washington, D.C., while working as a Capitol  
17 guard when Larry Forgy was able to lay the foundation for his political path. Working at  
18 the United States Capitol, he was able to forge life-long acquaintances and friendships  
19 with several U.S. Senators and Representatives. In the early 1960s, Larry Forgy worked  
20 on the successful campaigns of Senator John Sherman Cooper and Senator Thruston B.  
21 Morton. After graduation from law school, Larry Forgy continued working at the United  
22 States Capitol as legal counsel to the Joint Committee on Taxation; and

23          WHEREAS, while working in Washington, D.C., Larry Forgy met his future wife,  
24 Frances Anderson. The two were married in 1963, and for the first portion of their  
25 marriage they made their home in the Washington, D.C., area; and

26          WHEREAS, in November 1967, Louie B. Nunn was elected Kentucky's governor  
27 and he assembled a group of notable advisors known as the "whiz kids." Larry Forgy was

1 included within this group and he served Governor Nunn as state budget director, deputy  
2 commissioner of finance, director of asset management, and legal counsel; and

3 WHEREAS, in 1971, Larry Forgy left state government at the request of University  
4 of Kentucky's President Otis Singletary to become the Vice President of Finance. While  
5 at the University of Kentucky, Larry Forgy impressed former Kentucky governor and US  
6 Court of Appeals Judge Bert T. Combs. Larry Forgy began practicing at the law firm of  
7 Tarrant, Combs, and Bullitt, which became Wyatt, Tarrant, and Combs, with offices in  
8 Louisville and Lexington; and

9 WHEREAS, Larry Forgy continued to maintain an interest in the political arena and  
10 in 1980 was selected as state campaign chairman for the presidential campaign of Ronald  
11 Reagan. Under Larry Forgy's leadership, Governor Reagan carried Kentucky and won the  
12 national election. Larry Forgy served as Kentucky's representative on the Republican  
13 National Committee, a position he called the most interesting of his political life; and

14 WHEREAS, during the early 1980s, Larry Forgy and his family moved from  
15 Louisville to Lexington, and while still practicing for Wyatt, Tarrant, and Combs, he also  
16 became president of the South East Coal Sales Company. At the same time, he  
17 represented the interests of tobacco farmers in maintaining the tobacco price support  
18 program; and

19 WHEREAS, Larry Forgy was asked again to lead President Reagan's election effort  
20 within Kentucky. During this election, he was able to assist in electing President Reagan  
21 to a second term and Jefferson County Judge Mitch McConnell to his first term as U.S.  
22 Senator; and

23 WHEREAS, in 1987, Larry Forgy began to practice for the law firm of Stoll,  
24 Keenan, and Park in Lexington. In 1991, Larry Forgy entered the Republican primary for  
25 governor. Larry Forgy limited campaign contributions to \$300 per donor and was  
26 substantially outspent by his primary opponent, Congressman Larry Hopkins. Despite  
27 these factors, Larry Forgy barely lost the nomination by a one percent margin statewide;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, in 1995, Larry Forgy decided to run a second time for governor and  
3 received the Republican party's nomination. However, Larry Forgy lost the general  
4 election by a narrow two percent margin in what was one of the closest Kentucky  
5 governor races; and

6 WHEREAS, after the 1995 election, Larry Forgy practiced law for Frost and Jacobs  
7 until 2004. Then he transferred to the Sheffer Law Firm in Louisville to continue his  
8 insurance defense practice. After suffering a stroke in 2014, Larry Forgy continued to be  
9 involved with law and politics. He actively supported Matt Bevin in his gubernatorial  
10 campaign of 2015 and after Matt Bevin's election, Larry Forgy served as an unofficial  
11 adviser; and

12 WHEREAS, Larry and Fran Forgy were extremely proud of their children, John and  
13 Katherine, and grandchildren, Olivia and Virginia Peppiatt. John graduated from  
14 Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and obtained a law degree from the  
15 University of Kentucky College of Law. In 2010, John joined his father at the Sheffer  
16 Law Firm and practiced with him on nursing home defense cases in eastern Kentucky  
17 state courts with remarkable success. Katherine received a degree from Vanderbilt  
18 University and works as a school psychologist in Fayette County. Olivia and Virginia  
19 Peppiatt attend Belmont University; and

20 WHEREAS, Larry Forgy was preceded in death by his cherished wife, Fran; his  
21 parents, Lawrence and Mary; and his brother, Freddie. He is survived by his son, John,  
22 daughter, Katherine, granddaughters, Olivia and Virginia Peppiatt, his sister, Senator  
23 Alice Forgy Kerr, brother-in-law, Randy Lutke, his special friend and caregiver, John  
24 Brown, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews;

25 NOW, THEREFORE,

26 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
27 ***Kentucky:***

1           ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate, individually and collectively, hereby  
2 extend their most profound sympathy upon the passing of Lawrence E. "Larry" Forgy Jr.  
3 and extend heartfelt condolences to their esteemed colleague, Senator Alice Forgy Kerr,  
4 in her family's time of loss.

5           ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving  
6 memory of Lawrence E. "Larry" Forgy Jr.

7           ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
8 Resolution to Senator Damon Thayer for delivery to the family.